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WI-350
Cox Farm
Mardela Springs vicinity
Private

c. 1840, c. 1900

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RESOURCE NAME: Cox Farm

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870
Industrial-Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
Kitchen

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-382

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cox Farm

2. Location

street & number 23626 East Hurleys Neck Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> dlstrict	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Williard A. Reynolds, Sr.

street & number 23626 East Hurleys Neck Road telephone no.:

city, town Mardela Springs state and zip code MD 21837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 25 p. 3
liber 1058

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 244

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cox farm is located at 23626 East Hurleys Neck Road southwest of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay farmhouse faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900 the two-story, three-bay frame dwelling fronts a mid nineteenth century story-and-a-half rear wing that was relocated in its original position behind the house next to an extant single story, one room plan kitchen. The rear wing are kitchen have architectural elements that date around 1840. Supported on a minimal brick foundation, the main house is sheathed with vinyl siding and the steeply pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the mid nineteenth-century rear wing is a single story gable roofed addition erected since 1986.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The first story is sheltered by a shed roofed porch supported on Tuscan column posts. The ends of the porch rafters are exposed and decorated. Lighting the second story are two-over-two sash windows. The steeply pitched roof is pierced by a pair of interior brick stacks finished with corbeled caps. The edge of the roof has extended eaves, open soffits, and decorated rafter ends.

Each gable end is pierced by a single two-over-two sash window that lights the first and second floors, and the edge of the roof has an extended eave and open soffit.

The north wall is largely covered by the story-and-a-half rear wing, which is extended on the north and west side with additions. The second floor is lighted by a small six-pane window, and the gable end is flush.

Standing behind the house is a single-story, one-room plan kitchen that is sheathed with asphalt shingles over beaded weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof has boxed cornices and a covering of asphalt shingles. Attached to the east gable end is an exterior brick chimney with a corbeled base and a single flue stack. The south wall of the kitchen is pierced by a center door opening and flanking six-over-six sash windows.

The interior of the kitchen is finished with second quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork. An enclosed winder staircase is located in the northwest corner and a late Federal mantel is fixed against the east wall. A Federal surround molding frames the firebox and the frieze is embellished with end blocks that support a molded shelf. The room is finished with a Federal chair rail and a beaded baseboard. The ceiling, now covered with sawn lath and plaster, was originally exposed and whitewashed. By contrast the walls are covered with riven lath and plaster. The winder stair is enclosed behind a beaded board partition. Several steps extend into the room beyond the stair closet door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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This property deserves listing in *Category B* due to the architectural nature of the single story, one-room plan kitchen.

¹ Somerset County Land Record, LW 10/98, 25 August 1866.

² Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Somerset County, transcribed by John C. Barnes, 1988.

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Quadrangle scale _____

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state	code	county	code
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland	21871
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23626 East Hurleys Neck Road
Mardela Springs vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 25 Parcel 3

1058/244	Howard D. Hatton, Sr.
	to
2/17/1986	Willard A. Reynolds, Sr. Williard A. Reynolds, Jr.
	53.77 acres

A J S 843/673	Betty L Cordrey
	to
9/30/1975	Howard D. Hatton, Jr. Doris V. Hatton
	89.50 acres

JWTS 748/185	S. Anne Donoho, widow
	to
11/26/1971	Betty L. Cordrey

JWS 222/184	Marion Cox, Executor of George E. Cox
	to
1/9/1940	S. Anna Donoho

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Chain of title continued

JAH 1/294

Last Will and Testament of George E. Cox

to

1/28/1931

Marion Cox

\$8250.00 those parcels of land which had been
conveyed to George E. Cox by following
deeds:

1. from Mary E. Phillips, 6/10/1901,
EAT 70/191

2. from Ralph L. Lloyd, 5/3/1919,
JCK 113/315

3. from Margaret J. Cox, 8/8/1925,
JCK 140/166

4. from Robert A. Major, 7/26/1919,
JCK 113/31

EAT 70/191

Mary E. Phillips

to

6/10/1901

George E. Cox

Whereas Sarah A. Cox departed this life owning
certain real estate hereinafter described and having
as her heirs at law George E. Cox and Mary E.
Phillips and whereas the said Mary E. Phillips has
sold all her right to said property

63 acres \$750

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Chain of title continued

Somerset County

Land Record

LW 10/98

Ichabod D. Evans and others

Division of real estate of said Robert Russell

William C. Majors, and Esther his wife, and

Susan Russell

to

8/25/1866

Sarah Cox

\$1,231.37

Acworth's Purchase

Langsdale's Discovery

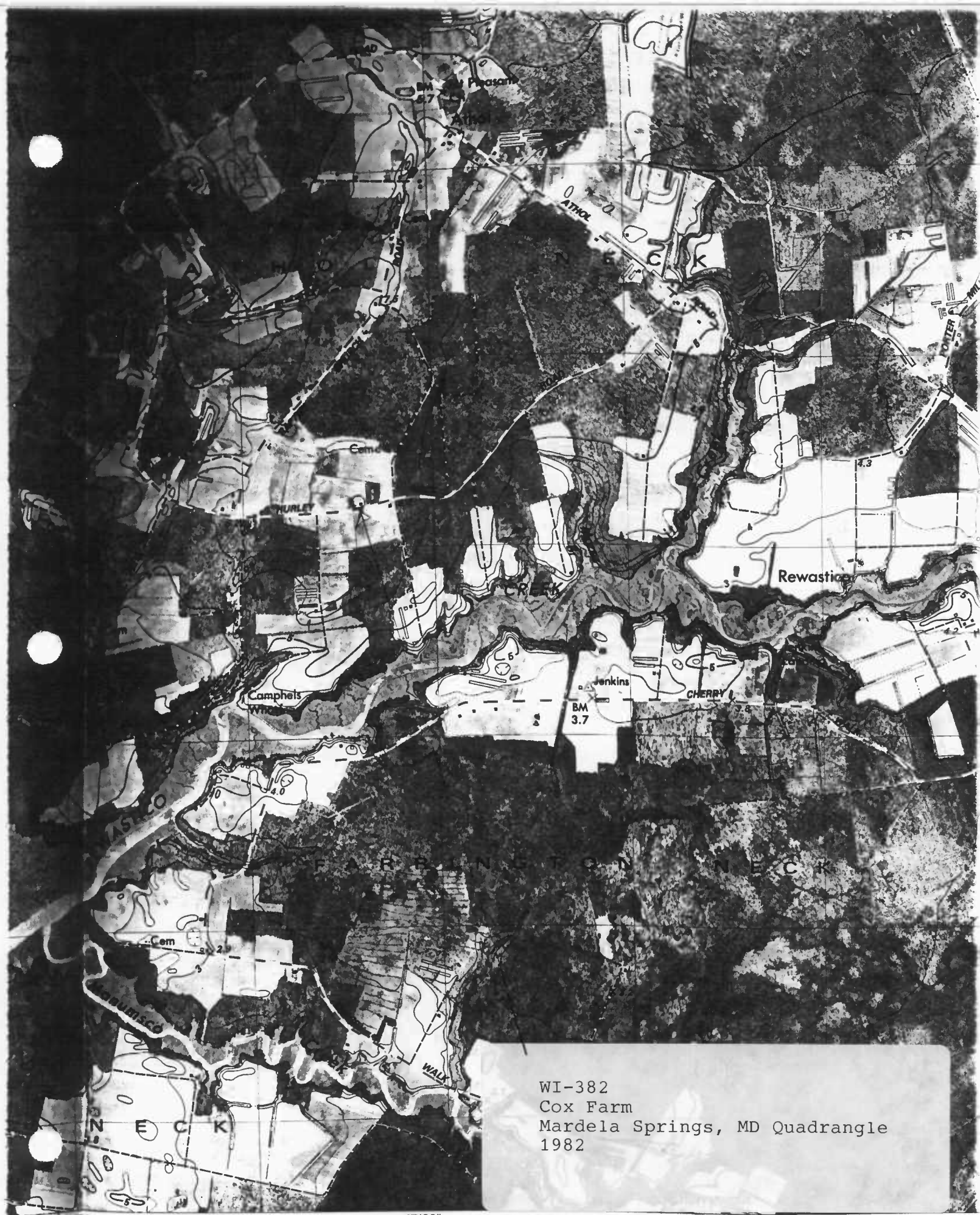
63 1/4 acres being Lot Numbered One of Robert
Russell's estate

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas 1877



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Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle
1982

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ROAD IV BE
SCALE 1:24 000

KILOMETERS

1

2

'30

47'30"

QUANTICO 3 KM

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON

'33

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway,

Light-duty